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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A Petition and fees for a two-month Extension of Time is enclosed.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Please amend the application as follows: